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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/649,808; Filed: August 28, 2003
For: **High Speed Latch Comparators**
Inventors: Bult *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.0510002/JTH/TAD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Second Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply To Second Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Species A, represented by claims 1-6. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

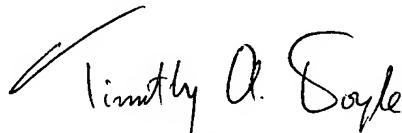
Applicants concur with the determination by the Examiner that claim 1 is currently a generic claim of Species A (represented by claims 1-6) and Species C (represented by claims 15-20). Accordingly, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants reserve the right, as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, to have claims to additional species be examined where these claims to additional species are presented in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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